

## Letter from Addison L. Winship to Alexander Graham Bell, March 3, 1916

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In accordance with my agreement, I am writing you a few details concerning your trip to Boston.

I have reserved Room 209 for you at the club house, on the supposition that you will leave New York at 10 o'clock and arrive in Boston at 3 P. M. I have planned as follows:

The dinner at the club house will occur at 6 o'clock, at which E. K. Hall, Vice President N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., will preside. At that dinner will be present Mr. Spalding, President of the Company, Frederick P. Fish, former President, and other representative citizens of Boston. I am in hopes Governor McCall will also be present.

We will proceed, at 8 o'clock, to the Auditorium in the club house, where Mr. Hall will introduce you, and I trust you will speak at some length upon your wonderfully interesting and successful career, up to the present time, and the prospects for future development of the telephone system.

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Dr. Lemuel H. Murlin, President of Boston University, who has had some correspondence with you, I believe, relative to a luncheon, has agreed that it is best to arrange his luncheon on Tuesday, March 14 which, I understand from him, is agreeable to you.

The Bostonian Society and the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. have placed two tablets bearing the inscriptions enclosed herein. They had planned to dedicate these tablets on March 10th, with ceremony occupying just a few minutes. They have now planned to postpone that dedication until Monday afternoon the 13th, when it is hoped that it will be agreeable to you to be present in an automobile at the two functions. These tablets — you will see — are of personal interest to you, and it would add greatly to the dignity of the occasion if you were present.

If you will be good enough to notify me upon what train you will arrive definitely, I will be at the station to meet you and take you to the club house. We are all looking forward to a most enjoyable occasion on Monday and Tuesday, the 13th and 14th, and I trust that the occasion will be one of enjoyment and satisfaction to you.

Sincerely yours, Addison L. Winship Civic Secretary.